

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 155
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. John H. Gibbons for his outstanding contributions to science and technology.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding individuals who have dedicated their lives to their profession; and

WHEREAS, John H. Gibbons is one such remarkable person, who for the past four years has served with alacrity as the "Science Advisor to the President of the United States"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbons is responsible for coordinating all science and technology policies and budgets in federal government; and

WHEREAS, John Gibbons is the highest ranking science and technology official in the Clinton Administration; and

WHEREAS, John began his meritorious career as a physicist and Group Leader in Nuclear Geophysics at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where he directed experimental studies of nuclear reactions and their importance in stellar evolution; and

WHEREAS, from 1969 to 1973, John Gibbons served with acumen as the Director of the Environmental Program at Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and

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WHEREAS, following his meritorious tenure at Oak Ridge, Mr. Gibbons became the Director of the Federal Office of Energy Conservation; and

WHEREAS, in October 1974, John Gibbons became a Professor of Physics and the Director of the Energy, Environment and Resources Center at the University of Tennessee, where he directed programs of scientific and policy research on numerous energy and environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbons was named the Director of the Office of Technology Assessment for the U.S. Congress from 1979 until 1993, where he served with distinction at the non-partisan agency that presented independent, expert advice on policies that influenced science and technology in society; and

WHEREAS, his stellar tenure in science has enabled John Gibbons to serve on various advisory committees, even a brief list of which is inspiring: Chairman, Panel on National Energy Plan Policy Analysis; Energy Research Advisory Board; Advisory Committee for the National Center for Analysis of Energy Systems, Brookhaven National Laboratory; USAEC Advisory Committee on Nuclear Cross Section; International Environmental Technology Transfer Advisory Board for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute and the Advisory Committee of National Conservation Programs for the National Bureau of Standards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Gibbons' expertise in science and technology has served him well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Energy Foundation, the AAAS, Resources for the Future, Knoxville Energy Expo '82 and the State of Tennessee Energy Authority; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the Board of Directors of McDowell Enterprises, Inc.; as founder and member of the board of Directors at ORTEC, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Environmental Systems Corporation; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this General Assembly recognizes this venerable man for his outstanding contributions to his profession; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. John H. Gibbons for his unflagging service to the field of science and technology, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.